

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Shane Gibson, Police Chief Merle Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Joddie Johnson, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Greg Mills, City Arborist, re: removal of trees along Main Street.

Greg Mill, discussed trees that need to be removed along Main Street and what trees would be used to replace them. He presented the board with a report that is on file with the City Clerk's office. He stated that they have contacted the Main Street preservation and they have no complaints. He informed the board that Cinergy would be paying for the removal of the trees.

Mr. Gibson made a motion to allow Cinergy to remove the trees in conjunction with Greg Mills, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Item #2- Pinnick Painting, 923-5487, re: lift to be on street at 312 Pearl Street, Trinity Building

Mr. Keith Pinnick from Pinnick Painting stated that they would be painting a building on Pearl Street and they will need to have a lift sitting on street until they finish the job. He stated that it is smaller than a car and will only take one parking spot.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Gibson second,

Mr. Gibson asked if he would be using barriers to block the sidewalk while they are working.

Mr. Pinnick stated that they will be using barriers to block the sidewalk while they are working and they will have barriers around the equipment at night.

Mr. Gibson stated that he would like to make the April 14th the deadline and if they need longer he will need to come before the board.

All voted in favor.

Item #2 – Brian Haesley, Property Solutions, re: temporary alley closure for sewer tap-in

Mr. Haesley owns a building on Chartres Street and needs to close the alley for short a period of time to make a road cut to repair a sewer tap. He stated that he will place a metal plate over the cut until it is repaired.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the alley closure, Mr. Gibson second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 – Jane Alcorn, DNA, re: street closure for Davinci Festival on May 20th

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Mrs. Alcorn approached the board regarding closing the streets for the DaVinci festival. She presented the map for the bike race which is on file in the City Clerk's office. She stated that they would like to have the art fest and food on Pearl Street and the hours would be 8 - ____.

Mr. Gibson moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 – Chas Hunter re: 542 Beharrell Avenue curb cut for new driveway

Mr. Hunter reported that he met with the owner of the property and saw no reason for not approving this with stipulations.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve with the stipulations of a minimum of 4' between the drive and the adjacent property owner and no run-off onto the adjacent property owner, Mr. Gibson second, all voted to approve.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Chief Stanley Mason requested approval to transfer Firefighter Jonathan Proctor from Truck Company 1 A-Crew to FF/EMT-I Squad 12 A-Crew.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the transfer, Mr. Gibson second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hall informed the Board that the Animal Shelter will hold a dedication of the Memorial Play yard on April 21 at 6:00 p.m. He explained that they received the money to build the yard from the family of a young girl who used to for the shelter who has since passed away.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Greg Roberts, East Spring Street Neighborhood Association, presented a statement from the association which is on file with the City Clerk that insisted that the city take action on substandard housing and the lack of ordinance enforcement throughout the city. Said statement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the houses; particularly 1018 E. Spring and the lack of legal enforcement.

Chief Harl stated that he has ordered his officers to ticket the owner or anyone parked in the side yard of 1018 E. Spring Street every time they park there. He also stated that until the city council passes ordinance setting up a city court or follow-up procedures their hands are tied.

Mr. Haesley stated that he is a landlord and he is willing to work with the associations and the administration to resolve some of these problems.

Mrs. Spudich stated that they know that Shane is overworked and they are willing to volunteer to help out.

Mr. Gibson stated that a big help would be for them to take dated pictures of these properties.

Bernie Campbell, 724 West Main, stated that the alley next to his business is dilapidated and would like to have it repaired. He stated that he has had a business there for 26 years and has paid taxes and does not see where he is benefiting from these taxes. He presented pictures to the board.

Mr. Toran stated that this is the first year that they have had the funds to pave and he will put this area on the list. He asked Mr. Johnson to go out and investigate this area.

William Trancin, stated that the minutes from February 14 does not fully reflect what he said

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regarding the ordinance requiring smoke detectors in homes.

Mr. Toran informed him that the minutes have already been approved but that he would ask Ms. Wisman to listen to the tape and review the minutes.

Ms. Wisman informed Mr. Trancin that the meetings are all taped and that they are public record.

Stanley Mason stated that they can only inspect smoke detectors if a tenant files a complaint.

Christopher Fox, 204 Pearl Street, addressed a problem with the parking in the inner city. He stated that the parking on Black Street is covered in broken glass. He also asked who he needs to request to increase the limited parking from 2 hours to 3 hours.

Officer Lewis stated that he would prefer to take the signs out completely.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding parking problems and alternatives to parking on the street.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**

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